

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 19, 23, 26, 41, 62, and 67 have been amended. Claims 1-18, 29-40, and 46-58 were previously cancelled without prejudice. New claims 77-82 have been added. Therefore, claims 19- 28, 41-45, and 59-82 are now presented for examination. The following remarks are in response to the final Office Action mailed on June 4, 2004.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 19-28, 41-45 and 59-76 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Kernz, U.S. Patent No. 6,366,899 (“Kernz”) in view of Odom et al. U.S Patent No. 6,058,379 (“Odom”).

As an initial matter, Applicants respectfully submit that Odom does not add to Kernz any of the limitations missing from Kernz. For example, Kernz, does not teach or reasonably suggest retrieving thumbnail images associated with items for sale . . . from a plurality of sites, wherein the retrieving of the images is performed utilizing user-supplied information including user-specified locations of the plurality of sites, as recited by claim 19. At best, Kernz discloses allowing “the user [to] *select a coin for view*” from a *pre-compiled* “Coin Image Compilation” consisting of “a list of coins, description, grade, and price . . . [and] may additionally include thumbnails of each of the coins” (col. 8, lines 36-43; emphasis provided).

Odom discloses “*classification and categorization of items . . . to enable various search techniques*” (col. 2, lines 49-51; see col. 6, lines 7-8; emphasis provided). Furthermore, Odom discloses extracting “*information from [a] remote web page . . . [t]he information that is required*

to be extracted is information that is *sufficient to allow for an exchange to take place*” (claim 6. col. 9, lines 18-29; emphasis provided). However, Odom’s extraction of information is not the same as retrieving thumbnail images associated with items for sale . . . from a plurality of sites, wherein the retrieving of the images is performed utilizing user-supplied information including user-specified locations of the plurality of sites, as recited by claim 19.

Kernz and Odom, neither individually nor when combined, teach or reasonably suggest retrieving thumbnail images associated with items for sale . . . from a plurality of sites, wherein the retrieving of the images is performed utilizing user-supplied information including user-specified locations of the plurality of sites, as recited by claim 19. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 19 and its dependent claims.

With regard to claims 23, 26, 41, 61, 62 and 67, they contain limitations similar to those of claim 19. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 23, 26, 41, 61, 62 and 67 and their dependent claims.

New claims 77-82 depend from one of independent claims 23, 26, 41, 61, 62 and 67 and thus include limitations of the independent claims from which they depend.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

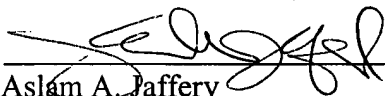
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